

NAYS—none.

Bill read third time and passed.

Senator Houston introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize counties to issue bonds to fund their outstanding indebtedness incurred prior to the twenty-fourth day of September, 1883.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

The President laid before the Senate Senate bill No. 4, "An act to provide for the representation of Texas at the World's Fair, to be held at New Orleans in the month of December, 1884," being special order for this hour.

Read second time.

Senator Jones offered a substitute for the bill, and moved that one hundred copies of the substitute be printed, and that the bill be made the special order for Saturday morning next, after the morning call.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Houston,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 24, 1884.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Martin in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Pope,

The reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, and

The journal was adopted.

Senator Collins, chairman of Committee on Stock and Stockraising, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stockraising, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 71, entitled "An act to protect the lands of those whose fences shall have been cut, injured or destroyed unlawfully from trespass for six months thereafter," have carefully examined the same, and a majority of your committee instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COLLINS, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

On motion of Senator Harris,

The Senate went into executive session to consider the appointments of the Governor postponed yesterday.

IN SENATE.

Senator Harris moved that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Governor that the Senate advises and consents to his appointments of notaries public, given below, and that the same be printed in the journal.

Adopted.

Austin county (9 vacancies)—Walter C. Cliett.

Angelina county (17 vacancies)—H. Rhodes.

Atascosa county (20 vacancies)—J. L. McCaleb.

Bandera county (19 vacancies)—B. F. Bellows, J. A. Anglin.

Brazoria county (15 vacancies)—J. T. Shannon, Sam H. Richardson, Geo. W. Meehan.

Bell county (2 vacancies)—J. Z. Miller, Jr., in place of L. C. Williams, D. L. Russell, place of R. L. Cole.

Blanco county (17 vacancies)—Jno. R. Brown.

Burleson county (12 vacancies)—Hugo Chotek.

Baylor county (19 vacancies)—D. R. Britt.

Brazos county (9 vacancies)—F. McDonald.

Coryell county (12 vacancies)—James H. Wicks, R. O. Talley, Hopkins L. Turney, J. C. Chrisman, M. S. Duffie.

Calhoun county (16 vacancies)—W. H. Woodward.

Collin county (5 vacancies)—H. C. Mack, in place of J. B. Lucas; P. B. Muse, failed to qualify; L. Butler, in place J. Forman, resigned.

Concho county (19 vacancies)—Arthur G. Nason, precinct No. 2; Thos. J. McCarthy, precinct No. 2; J. W. Ratchford, precinct No. 1; W. J. McLane, precinct No. 5.

Clay county (9 vacancies)—F. G. Bransford.

Caldwell county (11 vacancies)—A. B. Storey, in place of Wm. Safforrons; S. M. McCulloch.

Camp county (18 vacancies)—M. L. Morris, Charley Morris.

Cass county (13 vacancies)—J. I. S. Lacy, J. R. Glaze, J. P. Wood.

Cooke county (5 vacancies)—W. R. Bush, J. W. Hughes, T. J. Whaley, W. Windsor, jr., W. G. Daniel.

Dallas county (3 vacancies)—Henry Lathrop, vice R. H. West.

Denton county (3 vacancies)—John Baim, in place of John T. Gannin, left State; G. T. Walton, in place of John Hains; C. Jackson.

Dickens county (19 vacancies)—W. C. Dockum.

Eastland county (15 vacancies)—J. N. Campbell, S. Roach.

El Paso county (7 vacancies)—A. G. Foster, W. B. Brack, Frank E. Hunter.

Ellis county (2 vacancies)—Geo. H. Alderman, in place of Padget, left county.

Fisher county—Frank A. Powell.

Fannin county (3 vacancies)—James C. Evans, Wm. H. Cobb.

Fayette county (4 vacancies)—F. E. Dycus, A. F. Dornwell, C. T. Zapp, H. Zavisch.

Frio county (16 vacancies)—C. W. Gribble.

Galveston county (2 vacancies)—W. B. Wallis, (in place of Sampson, who did not qualify); N. B. Bendy, in place of H. P. Angel, resigned.

Guadalupe county (17 vacancies)—Geo. Webber, E. L. James.

Gillespie county (18 vacancies)—J. T. Estell.

Grimes county (5 vacancies)—Jas. H. Freeman.

Hardin county (20 vacancies)—W. E. Miller.

Hunt county (4 vacancies)—James H. Patterson, P. A. Norris, D. W. Yeager, Ben F. Looney.

Howard county (18 vacancies)—G. W. Walthall, S. H. Cowan.

Hays county (14 vacancies)—B. B. Rose.

Haskell county, attached to Throckmorton (1 vacancy)—W. Standefer.

Hamilton county (17 vacancies)—W. T. Walton.

Johnson county (7 vacancies)—J. M. Hall, A. Mathis, J. M. Hall, vice Paul C. Hudson, resigned; John B. Hudson.

Jack county (14 vacancies)—W. A. Hood.

Kendall county (18 vacancies)—Friedrich Hofheinz.

Kaufman county (2 vacancies)—W. H. Allen, H. W. Kyser.

Kerr county (17 vacancies)—Dawson A. Walker.

Leon county (12 vacancies)—John H. Perrin, James Fleming. Send commission to Guy's store.

Lubbock county (20 vacancies)—E. R. Dequasie.

Lavaca county—H. F. Kuhne.

Mitchell county (12 vacancies)—A. Maclean, J. J. Good, in place of A. S. James, left county; James L. Shepherd, W. S. Smallwood.

Milam county (4 vacancies)—J. E. Longmoore, Frank Clement, E. F. English.

McCulloch county (17 vacancies)—J. L. Tarver.

Montague county (4 vacancies)—M. B. Hoskins.

Matagorda county (17 vacancies)—W. E. Moore.

Nacagdoches county (10 vacancies)—W. Martin, T. J. Swift.

Nueces county (7 vacancies)—Alfred C. Evans.

Navarro county (3 vacancies)—S. D. Curtis, in place of W. R. Bright resigned.

Presidio county (15 vacancies)—W. H. Slaughter.

Reeves county (20 vacancies)—C. W. Fields.

Rusk county (9 vacancies)—T. A. Whetstone.

Robertson county (7 vacancies)—Joseph A. Foster.

Refugio county (19 vacancies)—Geo. B. Amery.

Sabine county (20 vacancies)—W. E. T. Ogletree, J. P. Payne.

Smith county (11 vacancies)—John A. Hill.

San Saba county (19 vacancies)—W. M. Allison, Leigh Burleson.

Shackelford county (14 vacancies)—T. J. Ground, Hulltown; T. M. Dilworth.

Shelby county (14 vacancies)—John H. Truit, W. V. Carraway, J. F. Porcher.

Taylor county (12 vacancies)—Jos. E. Cockreell, W. W. Northington, sr., T. M. Willis.

Trinity county (15 vacancies)—Thomas H. Phipps.

Tom Green county (15 vacancies)—Chas. A. Dailey.

Uvalde county (18 vacancies)—Geo. A. Barker, John H. Clark.

Waller county (11 vacancies)—W. Renfro.

Wichita county (19 vacancies)—W. W. Flood, W. B. Houston, N. Henderson.

Webb county (7 vacancies)—E. R. Tarver.

Wise county (8 vacancies)—D. A. Holman, in place of L. P. Lowry, failed to qualify; H. D. Donald, in place of H. T. Hawkins, failed to qualify; C. S. Bobo, in place of T. J. Wyatt, failed to qualify; J. P. Graham, in place of J. M. O'Neill, removed; C. W. Cannon, in place of H. H. Bullock, removed; J. W. Greenfield, in place of J. W. Greenfield, failed to qualify; J. W. Harvey, in place of L. C. Sparkman, failed to qualify; Jno. W. Walden, in place of John Brown, removed.

Williamson county—Henry Dickson.

Senator Davis, chairman of Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 30, entitled "An act to provide for the investment of the permanent public free school fund of the counties," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the accompanying substitute therefor, and to recommend that such substitute do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVIS, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Pfeuffer, chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 33, entitled "An act making appropriations for deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for payment of expenses in support of the government from March 1, 1883, to February 29, 1884, being for deficiencies set forth in the proclamation of the Governor for the special session of the Eighteenth Legislature," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the following amendments, viz:

1. Strike out, in line 6, title of said bill, after "1884," the following: "being for deficiencies set forth in the proclamation of the Governor for the special session of the Eighteenth Legislature."

2. Insert, in line 6, title of said bill, after "1884," the fol-

lowing: "and for payment of the annual interest on the public debt from March 1, 1884, to February 28, 1885."

3. Strike out, after "1884," line 20, section 1, the following: "being for deficiencies set forth in the proclamation of the Governor for the special session of the Eighteenth Legislature."

4. Insert, after "1884," line 20, section 1, the following: "and for payment of the annual interest on the public debt from March 1, 1884, to February 28, 1885."

5. Insert, after line 32, section 1, the following: "For payment of annual interest on State bonds, now outstanding, from March 1, 1884, to February 28, 1885, \$244,062.20."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

On motion of Senator Collins, 100 copies of Senate bill No. 71, "An act to protect the lands of those whose fences shall have been cut, injured or destroyed unlawfully, from trespass for six months thereafter," were ordered printed.

Senator Peacock introduced a bill entitled "An act to authorize the transfer of bonds of the State of Texas, and of the United States, from the common school fund to the Texas University fund."

Referred to Committee on Education.

Senate bill No. 66, "An act to control and dispose of all the lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common school fund, save and except the land thereof classed as timbered," being the special order for this hour, was taken up.

Senator Chesley moved that the consideration of said bill be postponed till to-morrow after morning call, and made special order for that hour, and from day to day till disposed of.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Chesley,
Evans,
Fleming,
Getzendaner,
Gibbs,

Houston,
Jones,
Martin,
Perry,
Pfeuffer,

Pope,
Randolph,
Shannon,
Stratton,
Traylor.

NAYS—7.

Buchanan,
Collins,
Davis,

Gooch,
Harris,

Johnson of Collin,
Matlock.

Senator Matlock moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 48, "An act to authorize district judges to change the venue in cases of felony before indictment is found."

Adopted.

Bill read second time with amendments, and

Committee amendments adopted.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

In section 1, line 12, strike out "or in any adjoining."

Withdrawn.

Senator Fleming in the chair.

Bill ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Buchanan,
Chesley,
Collins,
Davis,
Evans,
Fleming,

Getzendaner,
Gibbs,
Harris,
Houston,
Johnson of Collin,
Jones,

Matlock,
Patton,
Pfeuffer,
Shannon,
Stratton.

NAYS—7.

Gooch,
Martin,
Peacock,

Perry,
Pope,

Randolph,
Traylor.

The President in the chair.

The President laid before the Senate substitute for Senate bill No. 19, "An act to further prescribe the powers and duties of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the frontier battalion and State detectives, to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of said battalion," etc.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Chesley,	Gooch,	Peacock,
Collins,	Harris,	Perry,
Evans,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Martin,	Pope,
Getzendaner,	Matlock,	Stratton.
Gibbs,	Patton,	

NAYS—5.

Johnson of Collin,	Randolph,	Traylor.
Jones,	Shannon,	

Senator Davis was paired on this question with Senator Fowler. The former would have voted "nay," the latter "yea."

Senator Gibbs moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 33, "An act to provide for the lease of school lands belonging to the unorganized counties."

Adopted.

Bill read second time.

Senator Houston offered the following amendment:

Strike out "ten" and insert "four," and strike out "six" and insert "four" before the word "leagues," where the amount to be leased and fenced is limited.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—13.

Evans,	Jones,	Pope,
Fleming,	Martin,	Randolph,
Getzendaner,	Perry,	Shannon,
Harris,	Pfeuffer,	Stratton.
Houston,		

NAYS—10.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Patton,
Collins,	Johnson of Collin,	Peacock,
Davis,	Matlock,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		

Senator Gibbs offered the following amendment:

Amend line 10, page 2, by inserting "a sum equal to the proceeds," and in line 11, after "county," insert "out of the available school fund."

Adopted.

Senator Davis offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the limitation on leasing and fencing, and insert "each league shall be leased separately to the highest bidder."

Senator Gooch offered the following amendment to the amendment of Senator Davis:

Strike out the limitation of "four leagues," and insert "nine leagues," wherever it occurs.

Senator Gibbs moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Withdrawn.

Senator Martin, chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined

and compared Senate bill No. 36, being "An act to require the commissioners' courts to lay out and open certain first-class roads;" also, substitute Senate bill No. 70, "An act to amend section 16 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts,' etc.;" also, Senate bill No. 34, "An act to amend 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts,' etc.," and find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

Senator Fleming, chairman of Committee on Federal Relations, by leave, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred House joint resolution No. 18, entitled "Joint resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to procure the passage by Congress, at the present session, of an act for the improvement of the entrance to Galveston harbor, on the basis of the pending proposition of Captain J. B. Eads," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FLEMING, Chairman.

Bill read the first time.

On motion of Senator Gibbs,

The Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

The President laid before the Senate Senate bill No. 33, "To lease the unorganized county school lands," which was pending on adjournment.

Senator Peacock called for a division of Senator Davis' amendment, which was also pending on adjournment.

Senator Peacock offered the following substitute for the amendment of Senator Davis:

Amend section 1 by striking out all after the word "expressed" in line 8.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—7.

Buchanan,	Peacock,	Pope,
Johnson of Shelby,	Perry,	Traylor.
Martin,		

NAYS—15.

Chesley,	Gibbs,	Patton,
Collins,	Gooch,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Harris,	Randolph,
Evans,	Houston,	Shannon,
Getzendaner,	Johnson of Collin,	Stratton.

The President gave notice of signing Senate joint resolution No. 2, "instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their endeavors to procure suitable and adequate appropriations to secure deep water at Sabine Pass."

The amendment of Senator Davis was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—20.

Buchanan,	Davis,	Harris,
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Houston,
Collins,	Gooch,	Johnson of Collin,

Johnston of Shelby,
Martin,
Matlock,
Patton,

Peacock,
Perry,
Pfeuffer,
Pope,

Shannon,
Stratton,
Traylor.

NAYS—3.

Evans.

Getzendaner,

Randolph.

Senator Chesley offered the following amendment:
Amend section 1 by adding the following: "Provided further, that all enclosures shall have convenient gates, at least twelve feet wide, and not more than three miles apart."

Adopted, and

The bill was ordered engrossed.

Senator Martin, chairman of Committee on Engrossed bills, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 35, being "An act to amend section 30 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and to provide for holding courts therein,'" etc., and find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

Senator Peacock, chairman of Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred memorial of John Arbuckle and others, have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that the same lay on the Speaker's table. Your committee are of the opinion that the Legislature can have nothing to do with the complaint of memorialist against the Capitol contractors with respect to their private grievances. Your committee have carefully inquired into the charges concerning the use by the contractors of inferior stone, and find that little, if any, of the stone for the construction of the State Capitol has been received by the Capitol Commissioners, and that none has been received inferior in quality to that required by the contract.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PEACOCK, Chairman.

Senator Peacock, for Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 51, entitled "An act to properly designate, and designate the name or title, of lands set aside for educational and charitable purposes," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the accompanying substitute, with the recommendation that the substitute do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PEACOCK, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

Senator Farrar, for Judiciary Committee No. 1, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 68, entitled "An act to authorize counties to issue bonds for road and bridge purposes," have carefully examined the same, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FARRAR, for Committee.

Bill read first time, and 100 copies ordered printed.
On motion of Senator Martin,
Senator Harris was excused until Monday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Peacock,
Senator King was excused, on account of sickness.

Senator Davis moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 33, relative to "leasing school lands in unorganized counties."

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Davis,

The rules were suspended, and

The bill was placed on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Buchanan,
Chesley,
Davis,
Evans,
Farrar,
Getzendaner,
Gibbs,
Gooch,

Harris,
Houston,
Johnson of Collin,
Johnston of Shelby,
Jones,
Martin,
Matlock,
Patton,

Peacock,
Perry,
Pfeuffer,
Pope,
Randolph,
Shannon,
Stratton,
Traylor.

NAYS—none.

Bill read third time.

Senator Davis offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding section —. The near approach of the close of the session and the importance of this bill creates an imperative public necessity authorizing the suspension of the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and said rule is hereby suspended.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—20.

Buchanan,
Chesley,
Collins,
Davis,
Getzendaner,
Gibbs,
Gooch,

Harris,
Houston,
Johnson of Collin,
Jones,
Matlock,
Patton,
Peacock,

Perry,
Pfeuffer,
Pope,
Randolph,
Shannon,
Stratton.

NAYS—1.

Evans.

Bill passed.

Senator Stratton moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up House joint resolution No. 18, "resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to procure the passage by Congress at the present session of an act for the improvement of the entrance to Galveston harbor, on the basis of the pending proposition of Captain Eads."

Adopted, and

Resolution read second time.

Senator Stratton moved to further suspend the rules and place the resolution on its third reading.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Buchanan,
Collins,
Davis,
Farrar,
Fleming,
Getzendaner,
Gibbs,
Gooch,

Harris,
Houston,
Johnson of Collin,
Johnston of Shelby,
Jones,
Martin,
Matlock,
Patton,

Peacock,
Perry,
Pfeuffer,
Pope,
Randolph,
Shannon,
Stratton,
Traylor.

NAYS—1.

Evans.

Resolution read third time and passed.

Senator Peacock, chairman of Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 59, entitled "An act to amend articles 3672 and 3675 of chapter 2, title 76 of the Revised Civil Statutes, and to add thereto articles 3675a, 3675b, 3675c, 3675d and 3675e, and to make an appropriation," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PEACOCK, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Traylor, acting chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate joint resolution "instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their endeavors to secure deep water at Sabine Pass," and find the same correctly enrolled, and this day, at 3:15 p. m., presented it to the Governor for his approval.

TRAYLOR, Acting Chairman.

Senator Patton moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 38, "An act to amend article 4362, title 87, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to require first class roads to be made at least sixty feet wide."

Adopted, and

Bill taken up and read second time.

Senator Gooch offered the following amendment: In section 1, after the words "first class roads," insert "hereafter laid out."

Adopted.

Senator Jones offered the following amendment: Amend by adding "and that a weather vane be inserted in each stump," in line 6, section 1.

Withdrawn.

Senator Patton moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Senator Gooch was adopted.

Withdrawn.

Senator Houston offered the following amendment:

In line 5, after the word "obstructions," insert the words "unless by a four-fifths vote of the tax payers of the county, the county commissioners' court shall be authorized to permit them to be fenced and gates placed for the use of the traveling public."

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—10.

Chesley,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Collins,	Jones,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Peacock,	Stratton.
Gooch,		

NAYS—14.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Patton,
Davis,	Harris,	Perry,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,	Martin,	

Bill was ordered engrossed.

Senator Harris moved to suspend the regular or-

der of business and take up House bill No. 30, "An act to amend section 40 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883."

Adopted, and

Bill read third time and passed.

Senator Jones moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 11, "An act to extend the time within which all persons whose lands have been sold for taxes and bought by the State may redeem the same."

Senator Traylor moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 10, "An act to further regulate the collection of taxes on real estate, including lands heretofore bought by the State at delinquent tax sales," as a substitute for Senate bill No. 11.

Adopted, and

Bill taken up and read second time.

Senator Jones offered the following amendment: Amend, by striking out the word "double," in line 4, section 1.

Withdrawn.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment: Amend by adding after section 1, "or by depositing the same with the collector of taxes."

Senator Harris offered the following amendment to the amendment of Senator Traylor:

Add to the amendment, "in case the purchaser cannot be found in the county."

Accepted, and

Adopted as an amendment to the bill.

Senator Gibbs offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding to section 5, "If, upon examination, the Comptroller, before furnishing the lists, or the collectors, after receiving the lists of lands purchased by the State, finds that the taxes have been paid on the land for the year for which they were sold, he shall note the same and not sell, although payment was irregular."

Adopted.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of section 2 after the word "taxes," in line 4.

Withdrawn.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

In section 2, line 4, after the word "taxes," add, "as provided in article 4755 of the Revised Statutes."

Withdrawn.

Senator Chesley offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2, by adding the following:

"Provided, that no such sale shall be made for a period of six months from the time this act takes effect, during which time the owner may redeem such land from tax sales, as provided by section 4 of this act."

Lost.

Senator Gooch offered the following amendment: In sections 1 and 2, strike out the words "date of sale," where it occurs, and insert "date of the purchaser's deed."

Adopted.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

Add to section 2:

And the collector shall execute to the purchaser a deed for the land bought, which deed, when recorded according to law, shall be prima facie evidence that all the requisites of the law have been complied with making such sale, and shall also be prima facie evidence that all the requisites to the exercise of the power to make said sale and deed have been complied with.

On motion of Senator Gibbs,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 25, 1884.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Martin in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Martin,

The reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, and

The journal adopted.

Senator Evans, for Judiciary Committee No. 2, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 25, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 67, entitled "An act to prevent the wilfully killing of stock," etc., have carefully examined the same and instruct me to report the same back with the accompanying substitute, and recommend that the substitute be adopted, and that it do then pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EVANS, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

Senator Martin, chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 48, being "An act to authorize district judges to change the venue in cases of felony before indictment is found," and find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

Senator Gooch, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 2, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 25, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bills Nos. 43 and 56, entitled, respectively, as follows: "An act to amend article 3203 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State, and to add thereto article 3203a," and "An act to amend chapter 2, title 62 of the Revised Statutes, by the addition of article 3201a," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that they do not pass.

The object of the bills is to extend for a long period or abolish the statute of limitations for trespass in destroying fences,

in civil suits. The laws of limitations are based upon considerations of public policy, among which are to require persons to adjudicate their rights within a reasonable time, and during the lives of witnesses who are familiar with the facts, and we are opposed to the change of this general policy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GOOCH, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 25, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 27, entitled "An act to regulate fencing and to prohibit the fencing of land belonging to the State university, asylum and school land without authority, or any other land without the consent of the owner or lessee thereof." The bill undertakes to prohibit the fencing of public land, private land, occupied or unoccupied, certain streams of water and certain roads. It regulates gates; it prohibits stock of certain pasture owners from running at large, and punishes violations of the act. Separate bills have been introduced to cover every separate subject, and most of them reported favorably, except as to fencing and herding on public land and fencing streams of a certain character. We herewith report a substitute for the bill, which provides against fencing or herding or loose herding on school and university or asylum land without leasing it, and against fencing streams thirty feet wide, and recommend the passage thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GOOCH, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Getzendaner, for Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Education, to whom was recommitted Senate bills Nos. 12 and 17, both being entitled "An act to provide for the investment of the permanent public free school fund," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, have carefully examined the same, and instructed by your committee to report the accompanying bill as a substitute therefore, and to recommend that the substitute do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GETZENDANER, Acting Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Perry, chairman of Committee on Roads Bridges and Ferries, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 25, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was recommitted Senate bill No. 7, together with Senate amendments thereto, have carefully considered said bill and amendments, and a majority of said committee instruct me to report said bill back with the accompanying amendments as a substitute for said bill, and recommend that said substitute do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PERRY, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Randolph, for Judiciary Committee No. 2, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 24, 1884.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 69, entitled "An act prescribing a penalty for ordering a citizen to leave the county, or ordering him to remove his stock therefrom," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that article 316 of the